

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006**

**The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of the Mt. Hope High School on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mara at approximately 6:00 p.m.**

**Present: Marjorie J. McBride, William A. Estrella, Jr., William M. O'Dell, Paul E. Brule, Diana B. Campbell, John P. Saviano, Paul Silva and Beverly Z. Travers; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Mary Cerullo, Executive Director of Literacy, K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance; and Andrew Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor**

**All present were invited to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.**

**Dr. Mara recognized some of the guests—Louis Cirillo, Bristol Town Clerk, Representative Ray Gallison, Judge Hurst, BWEA leadership and John Hanley of the Warren Town Council.**

**Dr. Mara also recognized the out-going members of the School**

Committee. He presented Beverly Travers with a plaque in appreciation for her services to the students and the District and for helping us make this a high performing district. Dr. Mara also recognized Thomas Skuba, who resigned from his position on the Committee because of new job responsibilities and thanked him for his services to the district, although he was not able to be present.

Dr. Mara presented Mrs. McBride with a plaque and gavel as out-going Chair stating she was a key leader in this District and of the School Committee and we are all grateful for her leadership, support, vision, wisdom and especially friendship and honesty in leading this District through to the great things we have been able to accomplish.

Mrs. McBride thanked everyone there tonight who brought her through good times and bad times. She gave each member an ivy plant in a vent pipe symbolizing the great venting sessions that were had.

### **Swearing-In**

Judge Hurst addressed the Committee. Being a long time resident of Warren, she stated it was an honor to be here and appreciated the opportunity to join in this event. Since the last time she was before the Committee the world has been busy dreaming up new challenges; the world has become more dangerous and many of the young are challenging our generation as we did our parents and grandparents. On behalf of the people she thanked the Committee for their service,

hard work and efforts and recognized the tough job they have ahead of them.

Mr. Silva, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Brule and Mrs. Campbell recited the oath of office: "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States of America and the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Regional School Committee member." By virtue of the authority vested in Judge Hurst by the State of Rhode Island, the four re-elected and newly elected members were sworn into office.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Chair**

Dr. Mara asked for nominations for Chair. Mrs. McBride nominated Mr. Estrella. Mr. Silva seconded.

Mr. Saviano nominated Mr. Brule. Mr. Brule seconded. Hearing no more nominations, Dr. Mara declared nominations closed.

Mr. Saviano stated that in good conscience he would not vote for an officer that is on the negotiating committee who has to recuse himself from some union business because of personal conflict.

For the nomination of Mr. Brule, Mr. Saviano and Mr. Brule voted yea.

**For the nomination of Mr. Estrella, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Kinsella, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Silva, Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Estrella voted yea. Mr. Estrella is elected Chair by a majority vote.**

**Dr. Mara turned the meeting over to Mr. Estrella.**

### **Vice-Chair**

**Mrs. Estrella asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.**

**Mr. Estrella nominated Mrs. McBride. Mr. Silva seconded. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Estrella declared nomination closed. On a show of hands, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Kinsella, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Silva, Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Estrella voted yea; Mr. Brule and Mr. Saviano voted nea. Mrs. McBride is elected Vice-Chair by a majority vote.**

### **Secretary**

**Mr. Estrella asked for nominations for Secretary.**

**Mrs. McBride nominated Mr. Silva. Mr. O'Dell seconded. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Estrella declared nomination closed.**

**Again, Mr. Saviano stated that in good conscience he would not vote for an officer that is on the negotiating committee who has to recuse himself from some union business because of personal conflict.**

**On a show of hands, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Kinsella, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Silva, Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Estrella voted yea; Mr. Brule and Mr. Saviano voted nea. Mr. Silva is elected Secretary by a majority vote.**

## **Treasurer**

**Mr. Estrella asked for nominations for Treasurer.**

**Mrs. McBride nominated Mr.O'Dell. Mr. Silva seconded. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Estrella declared nomination closed. On a show of hands, Mr. O'Dell becomes Treasurer by unanimous vote.**

**With respect Mr. Estrella asked that all present rise for a moment of reflection for a staff member who took seriously ill today. She is kept in our thoughts and prayers.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mrs. Kinsella, moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Paul Silva, Secretary**

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